

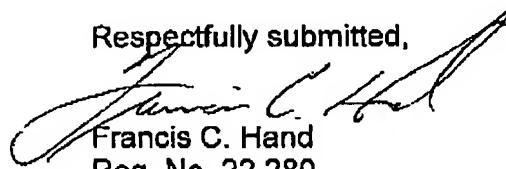
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In particular, the undersigned noted that the inventive entity of Christel and this application are identical and that under 35 USC 102 (e), Christel cannot be applied against the claims of this application.

Note also that the publication date of Christel (PCT/CH03/00686) is July 2004, i.e. a date after the priority date of March 12, 2004 claimed for the present application.

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